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GOVT FLYING SERVICE TO BE SET UP

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THE GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE WILL BE SET UP AS A CIVILIAN DISCIPLINED FORCE TO TAKE OVER ALL THE FUNCTIONS CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE (RHKAAF).

THESE FUNCTIONS INCLUDE AIR SUPPORT TO THE POLICE ALONG THE BORDER AND IN ANTI-CRIME OPERATIONS, INCLUDING OPERATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANTI-SMUGGLING TASK FORCE.

OTHER FUNCTIONS ARE SEARCH AND RESCUE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION SERVICES FROM REMOTE AREAS, AIR SURVEY WORK, AND OTHER FLYING SERVICES TO THE GOVERNMENT.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID AS THE RHKAAF NO LONGER HAD A MILITARY ROLE, IT WAS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR IT TO REMAIN CONSTITUTED AS AN AIR FORCE.

THE GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE BILL GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) SEEKS TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE AS A CIVILIAN DISCIPLINED FORCE.

THE RHKAAF'S LINKS WITH THE MILITARY WILL BE SEVERED BY THE CONSEQUENTIAL REPEAL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE ORDINANCE.

THE BILL SETS OUT THE ROLES OF THE GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE AND THE POWERS OF THE CONTROLLER AS THE HEAD OF THE SERVICE.

IT ALSO MAKES PROVISION FOR DISCIPLINE AND THE CONDUCT OF ITS MEMBERS, AND ESTABLISHES A WELFARE FUND FOR MEMBERS KILLED OR INJURED ON DUTY.

MR STRACHAN SAID OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS, THE RHKAAF HAD UNDERGONE A MAJOR EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

EIGHT NEW HELICOPTERS ARE NOW IN OPERATION AND A FURTHER TWO LARGER ONES WILL ENTER SERVICE NEXT JANUARY.

"ADDITIONAL STAFF HAVE BEEN RECRUITED AND AN EXTENSIVE LOCALISATION PROGRAMME FOR PILOTS IS UNDER WAY. THIS IS PART OF A PROGRAMME TO ENSURE THAT BY 1993, ALL NON-MILITARY FLYING DUTIES CAN BE PERFORMED BY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT RESOURCES WITHOUT THE NEED TO USE GARRISON HELICOPTERS," HE SAID.

HE EXPECTED THAT THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME WOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1993, AT WHICH TIME THE RHKAAF WOULD HAVE COMPLETED THE CHANGEVER FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN OPERATING PROCEDURE.

THE BILL IS THUS EXPECTED TO ENTER INTO FORCE ON APRIL 1, 1993.

"I BELIEVE THIS BILL WILL LAY A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE WELL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY," MR STRACHAN SAID.

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PATTEN VISITS HKGO, LONDON  
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THE GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE, MR CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, PAID A VISIT YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON - HIS FIRST CALL ON A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT.

HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER, MR JOHN YAXLEY, AND HIS DEPUTY, MR DAVID TSUI.

AFTER A BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE OFFICE BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SENIOR STAFF, MR PATTEN TOURED THE OFFICES TO MEET STAFF.

HE ALSO INSPECTED SPECIAL DISPLAYS RELATING TO THE RECRUITMENT OF CIVIL SERVANTS AND THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND STUDENT DIVISION. HE WENT ON TO VISIT THE LIBRARY FROM WHICH HE BORROWED SOME BOOKS.

MR PATTEN EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN A WHOLE RANGE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND ASKED MANY SEARCHING QUESTIONS INCLUDING HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN GATT AND THE COVERAGE OF HONG KONG MATTERS ON THE UK PRESS.

ON HIS DEPARTURE MS MAUREEN WONG, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER PRESENTED MR PATTEN WITH A COPY OF THE BOOK "IN TIMES OF GREAT CHAOS" AS A MEMENTO OF HIS FIRST VISIT TO A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

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PUBLIC VIEWS ON TAXI POLICY RELEASED  
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AN INFORMATION DOCUMENT ON PUBLIC VIEWS PRESENTED TO THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) WORKING GROUP ON TAXI POLICY REVIEW IS NOW MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, A TRANSPORT BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP LAST DECEMBER TO REVIEW CURRENT TAXI POLICY, PARTICULARLY IN LICENSING SYSTEM, FARE POLICY AND QUALITY OF SERVICES.

THE GROUP IS CONSIDERING PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS RECEIVED AND WILL REPORT BACK TO THE TAC THIS SUMMER.

"IN THE LIGHT OF WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN THE PROPOSALS PRESENTED TO THE WORKING GROUP, A DOCUMENT OUTLINING PUBLIC VIEWS RECEIVED IS NOW MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC SO FAR. AS SUCH, IT REFLECTS DIVERGENT AND SOMETIMES CONFLICTING INTERESTS. THE WORKING GROUP WILL EXAMINE THE PROPOSALS CAREFULLY BEFORE PUTTING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TAC," HE ADDED.

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ANYONE WHO WISHES TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE INFORMATION DOCUMENT MAY CONTACT THE TRANSPORT BRANCH ON TEL 810 2028 DURING OFFICE HOURS. A CHINESE VERSION OF THE DOCUMENT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON MAY 27 (WEDNESDAY).

"THE PUBLIC WILL BE CONSULTED AGAIN ON ANY PROPOSALS BEFORE THEY ARE ADOPTED," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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FOUR MORE HIV CARRIERS FOUND  
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FOUR MORE PERSONS INCLUDING A WOMAN WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST LAST MONTH, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HIV INFECTED PERSONS IN HONG KONG TO 280.

REVIEWING THE LATEST AIDS SITUATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CONSULTANT (SPECIAL PREVENTIVE PROGRAMME), DR S.S. LEE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT NO NEW AIDS CASES WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD AND THE NUMBER OF CONFIRMED AIDS CASES REMAINED AT 61.

"SO FAR, 40 AIDS PATIENTS HAVE DIED AND 21 OTHERS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT THE TERRITORY."

OF THE 280 HIV-INFECTED, 60 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 186 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, FIVE WERE DRUG ABUSERS AND THREE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

FOR THE REMAINING 26, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION, DR LEE ADDED.

UNDER THE HIV SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 233,339 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 1,069,232 UNITS OF BLOOD HAVE BEEN TESTED AND 20 DONORS WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

TURNING TO AIDS PUBLICITY AND HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, DR LEE SAID INVITATION TOGETHER WITH APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE YOUTH FUNDING SCHEME ON AIDS WOULD BE SENT OUT IN EARLY JUNE TO YOUTH GROUPS AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS INVITING THEM TO ORGANISE AIDS-RELATED ACTIVITIES.

"THE SCHEME WILL PROVIDE FUNDS FOR 10 YOUTH GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR PROJECTS WHICH IS SIX MORE THAN THAT OF LAST YEAR," HE ADDED.

"EACH SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT CAN GET A MAXIMUM FUNDING OF \$8,000 BUT SHOULD IMPLEMENT AND COMPLETE THEIR PROJECT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR."

INTERESTED GROUPS THAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE LETTER AND APPLICATION FORM MAY CONTACT THE SECRETARY OF THE WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH ON TEL 835 1821.

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AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing  
 病毒組 衛生署  
 Virus Unit; Department of Health

	Apr 85-Mar 92		Apr 92		Total	
	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve
經由政府診所及公立醫院轉介 Referrals from Public hospitals and clinics	27793	112	1264	2	29057	114
經由私家醫生轉介 Referrals from private practitioners	1891	54	9	2	1900	56
新雅社衛生科診所求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	191492	48	2200	0	193692	48
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	609	60	2	0	611	60
濫用靜脈注射毒品者 IV drug abusers	6602	1	75	0	6677	1
經由家庭計劃指導員轉介 Referrals from Family Planning Association	240	0	0	0	240	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	1144	0	18	0	1162	0

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 TOTAL 229771 275 3568 4 233339 279  
 此乃驗血樣本數字, 並非人數, 因某些人士的檢驗是重複的。  
 \* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

	Aug 85-Mar 92		Apr 92		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood transfusion Service	1055296	18	13936	2	1069232	20

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NEW LAW TO BAR MARKED OIL SUPPLY TO PLEASURE VESSELS  
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NEW LEGISLATION REQUIRING ALL PLEASURE VESSELS TO USE DUTIABLE LIGHT DIESEL OIL FOR PROPULSION IN HONG KONG WATERS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JUNE 1 (MONDAY).

EXPLAINING THE LEGISLATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID FROM THAT DATE, MARKED OIL OR COMMONLY KNOWN AS INDUSTRIAL DIESEL OIL, WHICH IS EXEMPTED FROM EXCISE DUTY, WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED TO BE SUPPLIED TO PLEASURE VESSELS UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1992.

"THE CHANGE WILL NOT AFFECT OTHER TYPES OF VESSEL, INCLUDING FISHING VESSELS, AS MARKED OIL WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUPPLIED FOR MARINE USE OTHER THAN AS FUEL FOR PLEASURE VESSELS," HE ADDED.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE CHANGE, OWNERS OF PLEASURE VESSELS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO MARK CONSPICUOUSLY IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE -- "NO KEROSENE OR MARKED OIL IS TO BE PLACED IN THIS FUEL TANK" -- NEXT TO EACH INLET OF THE FUEL TANK OF THEIR VESSEL, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN.

"A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM JUNE 1 WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THESE OWNERS TO USE UP AND CLEAN TRACES OF MARKED OIL IN THEIR FUEL TANKS.

"ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THE ORDINANCE IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION. THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR CONVICTED OFFENCE IS \$100,000 PLUS TWO YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT, TOGETHER WITH FORFEITURE OF GOODS RELATED TO THE OFFENCE," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, OWNERS OF PLEASURE VESSELS OF OVER 60 TONS NET REGISTER AND SAILING TO REACH AN IDENTIFIED PORT OUTSIDE HONG KONG CAN APPLY FOR REFUND OF THE AMOUNT OF DUTY PAID.

"AN APPLICATION FOR REFUND HAS TO BE MADE BEFORE OBTAINING THE FUEL FROM AN OIL STATION. A REFUND OF DUTY WILL BE DETERMINED AND PAID BY POST AFTER COMPLETION OF THE RESPECTIVE VOYAGE AND UPON PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OIL COMPANIES, OPERATORS OF MARINE FILLING STATIONS, OIL BARGES AND MARINE CLUBS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE NEW LEGISLATION BY THE DEPARTMENT.

ENQUIRIES ON THE NEW LEGISLATION CAN BE MADE TO SENIOR CUSTOMS INSPECTOR NG CHING-MAN ON TEL 852 4831.

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DSC OFFICERS REQUIRED TO HOLD TYPE RATING CERTIFICATES

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NEW AMENDMENTS TO THREE MERCHANT SHIPPING REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE REQUIRING DECK AND ENGINEER OFFICERS ON HONG KONG REGISTERED AND LICENSED DYNAMICALLY SUPPORTED CRAFT (DSC) TO HOLD A TYPE RATING CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT STARTING FROM JANUARY 1, 1993.

THE PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR (CREWS BRANCH) OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR MATHAI VARGHESE, TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID: "THE NEW REQUIREMENTS WHICH CALL FOR SPECIALISED TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF OFFICERS ON DSC WILL ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF THE PORT AND THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC."

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (CERTIFICATION OF OFFICERS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1992, THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (LAUNCHES AND FERRY VESSELS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1992, AND THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (FEES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1992, WERE GAZETTED TODAY.

MR VARGHESE SAID: "OFFICERS ON DSC WILL NEED TO UNDERGO SPECIALISED TRAINING FOR THE OPERATION OF THESE TECHNOLOGICALLY-ADVANCED CRAFT AND BE EXAMINED BEFORE THEY CAN OBTAIN THE CERTIFICATES.

"WHILE THE MAJORITY OF THE OFFICERS OPERATING DSC ALREADY HOLD THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, OTHERS HAD ONLY RECEIVED COMPANY TRAINING IN THE PAST.

"THESE OFFICERS ARE NOW BEING RETRAINED AND EXAMINED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO MEET THE DEADLINE."

MR VARGHESE SAID THE NEW REQUIREMENTS WHICH WERE WELCOMED BY ALL SECTORS OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY WERE IN LINE WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS ON DSC AS LAID DOWN BY THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION (IMO).

THEY AROSE OUT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MARINE COURT WHICH INVESTIGATED THE ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE WATERJET-PROPELLED CATAMARAN "APOLLO JET" ON DECEMBER 15, 1989.

THE VESSEL COLLIDED WITH FOUR VESSELS AT THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER BEFORE BECOMING STRANDED ON THE SEAWALL OF FERRY STREET. AS A RESULT, FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND SEVEN INJURED.

DSC ARE SHIPS THAT CAN OPERATE ON OR ABOVE WATER, THE WEIGHT OF WHICH, OR A SIGNIFICANT PART OF IT, IS SUPPORTED WHEN UNDER WAY BY OTHER THAN HYDROSTATIC FORCES, SUCH AS HYDROFOILS AND JETFOILS.

LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 16 MILLION PASSENGERS TRAVELLED ON THESE VESSELS BETWEEN HONG KONG, MACAU AND CHINA.

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RECLAMATION IN TIU KENG WAN

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION IN TIU KENG WAN TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE DREDGING OF SEABED, CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALL AND RECLAMATION WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 12.4 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

PREPARATION WORK FOR THE PROJECT WILL START IN MID-1993 WHILE THE ACTUAL RECLAMATION WILL START AROUND LATE 1993 AND BE COMPLETED BY ABOUT MID-1997.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE JULY 21.

THE NOTICE (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN OR PURCHASED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14/F, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

IT CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, 2/F, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES AND AT THE TSEUNG KWAN O SUB-OFFICE, SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, ROOM 121-122, G/F, PO NING HOUSE, PO LAM ESTATE, TSEUNG KWAN O, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SEWAGE PUMPING WORKS IN TAI PO

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL INSTALLATION WORKS OF THE TAI PO PUMPING STATION UNDER THE TOLO HARBOUR EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME.

THE WORKS WILL INVOLVE THE INSTALLATION OF FOUR PUMPS AND THE ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL WORKS.

WITH THIS INSTALLATION THE PUMPING STATION WILL PUMP TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT FROM THE TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS THROUGH A SUBMARINE PIPELINE TO THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WHERE THE TREATED SEWAGE WILL THEN BE PUMPED THROUGH PUMPING MAIN TO EAST KOWLOON FOR FINAL DISCHARGE.

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THE WORKS IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY 1995.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON, JULY 24.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM BALFOURS-HASWELL, 10/F, 1 KOWLOON PARK DRIVE, KOWLOON.

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#### SURVEY STARTS ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SURVEY ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR 1991 HAS JUST STARTED.

THE ANNUAL SURVEY IS PART OF A CONTINUAL PROGRAMME TO COMPILE STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

THE SURVEY AIMS TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE DATA FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND FOR ASCERTAINING THEIR COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS.

SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR FREDERICK HO, APPEALED TO THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES BY RETURNING PROMPTLY THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND CO-OPERATING WITH OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE SURVEY.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION THAT DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE RELEASED, HE SAID.

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUPPLY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED IN THE SURVEY.

THE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES THAT ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE RETURNS, IF AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

ABOUT 7,800 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF THE SURVEY, COVERING THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN MANUFACTURING; MINING AND QUARRYING; AND ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER.

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INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES: TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, ORIGIN OF INVESTMENT, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (I.E. WAGES, SALARIES AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), PAYMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL WORK AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, VALUE OF PURCHASES AND OTHER EXPENSES, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND STOCKS AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION ON THE BUSINESS OPERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION) ORDER 1984, WHICH WAS MADE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 15 IN THE GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THE SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31, 1992.

IF REQUIRED, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HELP THEM COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THESE OFFICERS WILL CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WHILE ON DUTY, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 839 3230 OR 805 6441.

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MORE TRADERS USING DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME  
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MORE AND MORE TRADERS ARE USING THE DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME TO SUBMIT IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS.

BY APRIL THIS YEAR, THERE ARE MORE THAN 1,000 ACTIVE USERS AND SOME 90,000 DECLARATIONS ARE SUBMITTED EACH MONTH UNDER THE SCHEME.

THE SCHEME, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL OPTION FOR TRADERS TO SUBMIT IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS ON MICRO-COMPUTER DISKETTES, HAS FACILITATED TRADERS IN PREPARING AND SUBMITTING DECLARATIONS IN A MORE ACCURATE AND EFFICIENT WAY THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTER.

TO USE THE SCHEME, TRADERS ONLY NEED A SIMPLE MICRO-COMPUTER SYSTEM (WITH HARD DISK AND PRINTER) WHICH RUNS ON MS-DOS OF VERSION 2.0 AND ABOVE.

TO PRODUCE THE REQUIRED OUTPUTS, TRADERS MAY CHOOSE TO PURCHASE A USER-FRIENDLY MICRO-COMPUTER SOFTWARE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OR TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN SOFTWARES ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUIREMENTS.

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THE GOVERNMENT'S SOFTWARE IS AVAILABLE FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 18/F, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN HELPING THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN OPERATING THE SOFTWARE.

FROM JUNE 1, THE PRICE OF THE SOFTWARE WILL BE REVISED FROM \$170 TO \$190.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN USING THE SCHEME MAY CALL 802 0196 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN JUNE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 16 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE -----	TIME -----
JUNE 1 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 2 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 3 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 4 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 8 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 9 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 10 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 11 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 12 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 22 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 23 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 24 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 25 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 26 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 29 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 30 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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PROPOSED EXTENSION WORKS FOR TUNG CHAU STREET

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO EXTEND AND WIDEN TUNG CHAU STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC HEADING TOWARDS THE NEW RECLAMATION AREA IN WEST KOWLOON.

THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PART OF THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION PROJECT.

UNDER THE PROJECT, TUNG CHAU STREET WILL BE EXTENDED WESTWARD TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND BE WIDENED TO BECOME A TWO-LANE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WITHIN ITS SECTION BETWEEN TONKIN STREET AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

IT ALSO INVOLVES IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO SOME ROAD JUNCTIONS ALONG LAI CHI KOK ROAD TO TIE IN WITH THE NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME OF THE AREA.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS, AT-GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, MINOR ROADSIDE AMENITY AREAS AND THE ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORKS.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN OF THE PROPOSAL CAN BE SEEN IN THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, G/F, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, 10/F, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, YAU MA TEI; AND
- \* SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 6/F, WEST COAST INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 290 UN CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2/F, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL NO LATER THAN JULY 21 THIS YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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RESUMPTION OF KING WAH ROAD PROPOSED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND REPAIR A PORTION OF KING WAH ROAD IN EASTERN DISTRICT TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRAFFIC IN THE AREA.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT NUMBER 14-30 OF KING WAH ROAD WERE UNDER PRIVATE OWNERSHIP AND WERE NOT PROPERLY MANAGED OR MAINTAINED, GIVING RISE TO CONSIDERABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

"THE RESUMPTION WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO REPAIR THE ROAD TO A PROPER STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC," HE ADDED.

WORKS IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER 1993.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS AND LAND RESUMPTION CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- \* EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 29 TAI ON STREET, GROUND FLOOR, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, SAI WAN HO; AND
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG EAST, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2/F, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL NO LATER THAN JULY 21 THIS YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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STRONG SUPPORT FOR YOUTH CHARTER'S PRINCIPLES

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THE PUBLIC HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT CHARTER FOR YOUTH, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH, MR ERIC LI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR LI SAID THIS WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE THREE-MONTH CONSULTATION EXERCISE WHICH ENDED ON MAY 1.

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MR LI SAID IT WAS ALSO GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE CHARTER WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WELL-BEING OF YOUTH.

"IT WAS ALSO WIDELY ACCEPTED THAT THE CHARTER WAS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TO IDENTIFY THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT," HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO THE PUBLIC'S COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CHARTER, MR LI SAID THEY DEALT WITH THE CONTENTS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PROVISIONS.

"THERE WERE CALLS FOR SETTING OUT IN THE CHARTER THE DUTIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE NEED TO PROMOTE THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CHINA.

"THERE WERE ALSO REQUESTS TO SET OUT THE PRINCIPLES ENSHRINED IN THE CHARTER IN MORE SPECIFIC TERMS.

"THE COMMISSION IS GLAD TO NOTE THAT THERE IS CONSENSUS THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE CHARTER ARE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION," HE SAID.

ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN CONCERNS ON THE DIFFICULTIES OF ASSESSING THE PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTING THE CHARTER, THE DOCUMENT'S PROPOSED BIENNIAL REVIEWS WERE WELL RECEIVED, MR LI SAID.

MANY HAVE ALSO URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THE LEAD IN BECOMING A SUBSCRIBER, HE SAID.

THE COMMENTS ALSO INDICATE RECOGNITION OF THE NATURE OF THE DRAFT CHARTER: THAT IT IS INTENDED TO BE A SET OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES, NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT NOR A POLICY STATEMENT.

MR LI SAID A NUMBER OF PARTIES HAD ALSO EMPHASISED THE NEED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS IN THE CHARTER.

TURNING TO THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE, MR LI WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT 108 WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED, MOSTLY FROM YOUTH GROUPS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, STUDENT BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS FROM YOUTHS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO PRESENTED THE DRAFT CHARTER TO 13 DISTRICT BOARDS, YOUTH FORUMS, STUDENT BODIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES AND A NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

MANY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE ALSO ASSISTED IN PUBLICISING THE DRAFT CHARTER AND CONDUCTED OPINION SURVEYS ON THE DOCUMENT TO SOLICIT THE VIEWS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

MR LI SAID THE COMMISSION WAS NOW EXAMINING THE OPINIONS CAREFULLY TO SEE HOW THE DRAFT CHARTER CAN BE IMPROVED UPON.

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29 INMATES PASS PUBLIC EXAMS

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TWENTY-NINE INMATES AT STANLEY PRISON THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON RECEIVED CERTIFICATES FOR PASSING PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

ONE OF THEM OBTAINED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE CONFERRED BY THE EAST ASIA OPEN INSTITUTE.

THE OTHERS OBTAINED A TOTAL OF 56 DISTINCTIONS AND 19 CREDITS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY EXAMINATION, PITMAN EXAMINATION AND CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE EXAMINATION.

AN ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OF HONGKONGBANK, MR EDWIN LAU, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO THE INMATES AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE PRISON.

MR LAU ALSO PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$250,000 FROM THE HONGKONGBANK FOUNDATION TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S PRISONERS EDUCATION TRUST FUND.

THE FUND WAS SET UP TO SUBSIDISE EDUCATIONAL COURSE FEE, EXAMINATION FEE AND THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR THOSE PRISONERS WITH FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	21.5.92	1,688
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	22.5.92	-500 *
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-200
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		+700 **
* O/N ASSISTANCE TO BE REVERSED	-700 MN	
OTHER FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED	+200 MN	
**O/N ASISTANCE TO BE REVERSED ON	23/5	
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX	111.7 *+0.0*	22.5.92

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.27 PCT	18 MONTHS	2311	6.25	102.39	4.62
1 MONTH	2.48 PCT	21 MONTHS	2402	5.50	100.92	5.00
3 MONTHS	3.00 PCT	24 MONTHS	2405	5.50	100.65	5.22
6 MONTHS	3.33 PCT					
12 MONTHS	3.97 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 12,895MN

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